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(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Tadashi YAMAURA

Application No.: 09/530,719

Confirmation No.: 3186

Filed: May 4, 2000

Art Unit: 2654

For: A METHOD FOR SPEECH CODING,
METHOD FOR SPEECH DECODING AND
THEIR APPARATUSES

Examiner: A. K. Azad

APPLICANT INITIATED INTERVIEW REQUEST

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a personal interview with the Examiner in response to the Office Action issued on September 9, 2005 in response to the Request for Continued Examination 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 filed by Applicant on July 18, 2005.

Status of Application: First office action after RCE

Tentative Participants:

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| (1) Jason Rhodes (Reg. No. 47, 305) | (2) D. Richard Anderson (Reg. No. 40,439) |
| (3) Shigeo Kishimoto (Applicant's representative based in U.S.) | (4) Toshio Yamada (Applicant's representative visiting from Japan) |
| (5) Fumio Ogawa (Applicant's representative visiting from Japan) | (6) Yasuyuki Ohnishi (Applicant's representative visiting from Japan) |

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Proposed Date of Interview: January 18, 2006

Proposed Time: 10:00 AM

Type of Interview: Personal

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: No

Issues To Be Discussed:

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Claims</u>	<u>Prior Art</u>
(1) Rejection	Claims 19-24	Nomura (C 2,112,145)

Topics of Discussion:

- (1) Differences between present invention and Nomura
- (2) Potential claim amendments based on discussion in Topic (1)

Additional Comments:

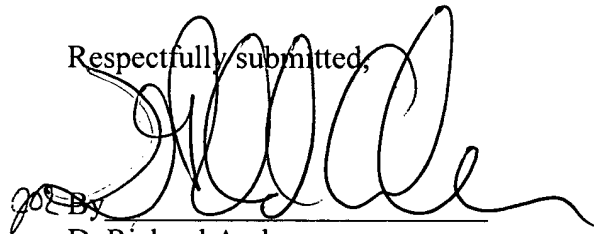
- (1) Three of the Applicant's representatives are traveling from Japan to attend this interview. The participation of these representatives will be particularly helpful in developing and clarifying specific issues, in order to lead to a mutual understanding between Applicant and the Examiner. Thus, the interview is a proper means of advancing prosecution under MPEP 713.01.
- (2) This interview is to be grouped with two other applications (11/090,227 and 11/188,624). MPEP 713.05 (last paragraph) states that grouped interview practice is effective for representatives remote from the Washington, D.C. area.

- (3) The most recent interview with the Examiner on March 24, 2004 was effective in advancing prosecution because it resulted in a withdrawal of the rejection based on Kondo (US 5,867,815).

The Examiner is requested to please call Applicants' representative, Jason Rhodes, at the Examiner's earliest convenience at 703-208-4011 to confirm scheduling of the personal interview on January 18, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

Dated: December 14, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Anderson', written over a horizontal line.

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